

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Haggerty and Torrice.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Slinde requested that #9 (Update on Senior Swing Dances at Freedom Hill) be removed from today's agenda because more information is being obtained.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include one additional travel request). **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND FINANCING FOR TPA, INC. – WARREN**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM WAIVED BY PED COMMITTEE CHAIR: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO
APPROVE A PROJECT PLAN FOR COUNTY OF MACOMB ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TPA, INC. – WARREN)**

Representatives from TPA, Inc. were present: Mr. Jim Padilla, President and Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Dan Angel. A brief overview was provided about their company and their plans to produce biodiesel fuel in Macomb County and Michigan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROJECT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TPA, INC. – WARREN). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,992,923.08, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR 2008 AND 2009**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF JOHN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY, AND APPROVE THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE YEARS 2008 AND 2009; THIS AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW MACOMB COUNTY TO RECEIVE THE FULL HOSPITAL DISCOUNT BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ACHIEVES; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ESTIMATES THE COUNTY WILL SAVE A MINIMUM OF \$1,460,000 OVER THE REMAINING 2008 AND 2009 CONTRACT YEARS.

Mr. Anderson provided a brief overview of his negotiations with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which resulted in Macomb County receiving 100 percent of the hospital discount that Blue Cross achieves.

Chair Slindle called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRM

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Vosburg, to appoint the law firm of PlunkettCooney to represent County defendants in the case of Russell A. Bishop vs. County of Macomb, et al. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHARLES BRIGOLIN FOR DOING
BUSINESS IN ROSEVILLE FOR 40 YEARS (OFFERED BY HAGGERTY AND SLINDE)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHARLES BRIGOLIN FOR DOING BUSINESS IN ROSEVILLE FOR 40 YEARS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Sauger, to approve the travel requests as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by DiMaria, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Vosburg, Szczepanski and Slinde. There were 20 "Yes" votes.

The Motion Carried.

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:44 a.m., with it concluding at 10:48 a.m.

**CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL AND
OUTSIDE COUNSEL RE: CASE OF STEPHEN WASHINGTON VS.
COUNTY OF MACOMB, ET AL**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL REGARDING THE CASE OF STEPHEN WASHINGTON VS. COUNTY OF MACOMB, ET AL. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Lund, supported by D. Flynn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter